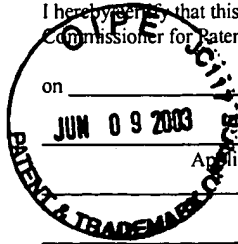


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APPLN. NO. 10/046,500	FILING DATE October 24, 2001	EXAMINER Unassigned	GROUP ART UNIT 3727
INVENTOR(S) <u>Richards, et al.</u>			
TITLE OF INVENTION <u>Polypropylene Container and Process for Making the Same</u>			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application to the Office Action of May 6, 2003.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish a small entry status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A request for a _____-month extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
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- ☐ I hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, requiring a restriction election under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Office Action indicates that pending claims 1-50, comprise the following four distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-24, drawn to containers, classified in class 428, subclass 36.6;
- II. Claims 25-41, drawn to preforms, classified in class 428, subclass 35.7 +;
- III. Claims 42-45, drawn to methods of reheating preforms, classified in class 264, subclass (unknown) [sic]; and
- IV. Claims 46-50, drawn to stretchrods, classified in class 264, subclass (unknown) [sic].



ELECTION

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants elect to prosecute claim group II; claims 25-41. Applicants' election is not to be construed as an admission that Applicants believe any claim set forth in the above-identified application is obvious over any other claim set forth in the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in divisional or other continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

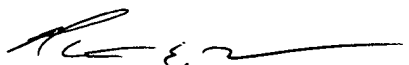
Applicants asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

Date: June 6, 2003

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